



SURGEONS' HALL MUSEUM



Visual Storyboard

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This is Surgeons' Hall Museums. The museum explores the history of surgery and has a large pathology collection. This means there are human remains on display.



The museum is located on Nicolson Street. You enter the museum grounds through this gate.



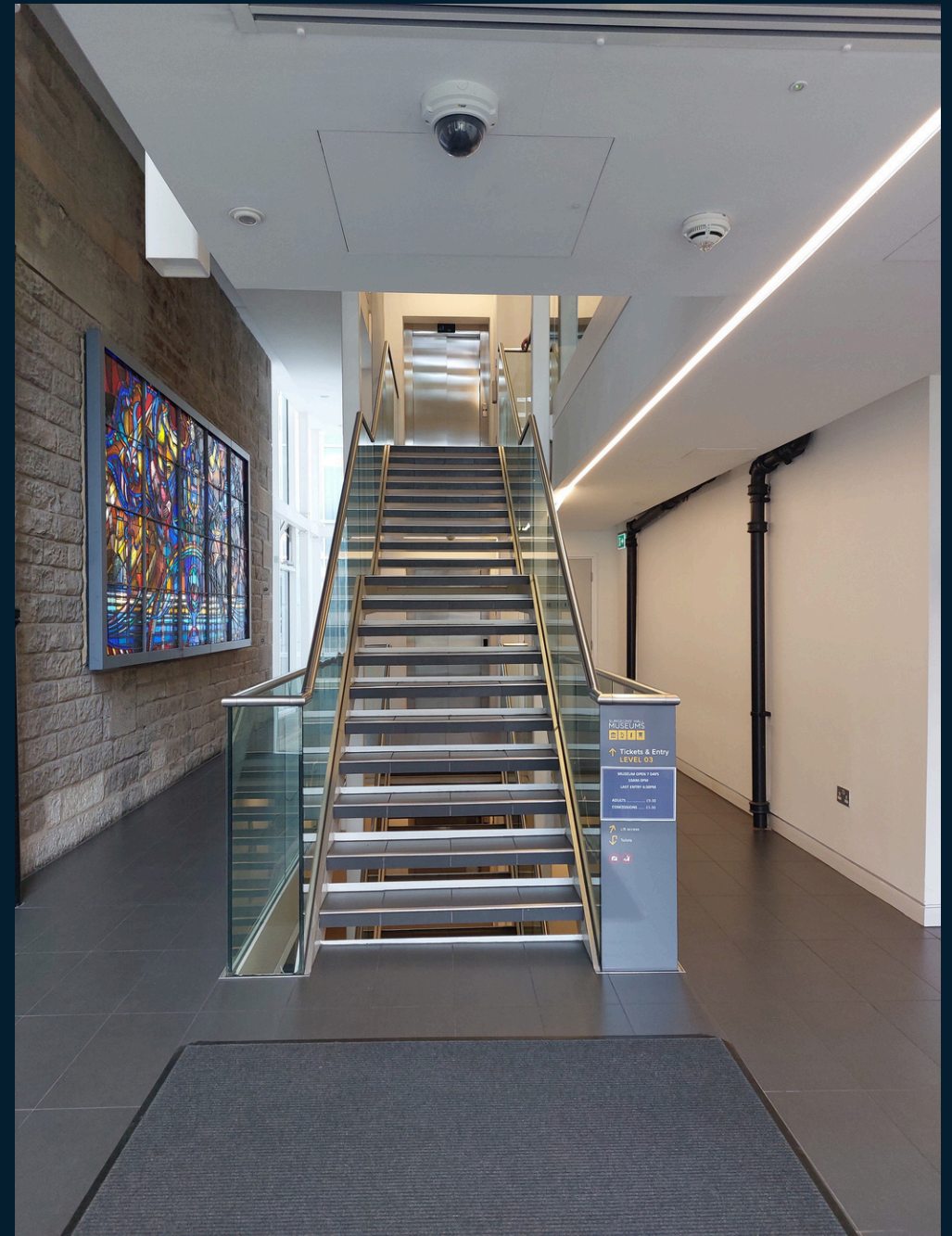
**This will take you
into our courtyard
where you will see 4
statues. There are
benches to sit on in
this courtyard.**



**You will enter the
building through the
glass doors.**



**You can find the
museum on level 3.
You can access level
3 via the stairs or lift
which can be found
behind the
staircase.**



When you reach level 3, you will go through this door to our reception.



**Here you will find
our ticket desk
where our Visitor
Services team will
sell you your ticket
and answer any
questions.
Tickets for the
museum cannot be
purchased online.**



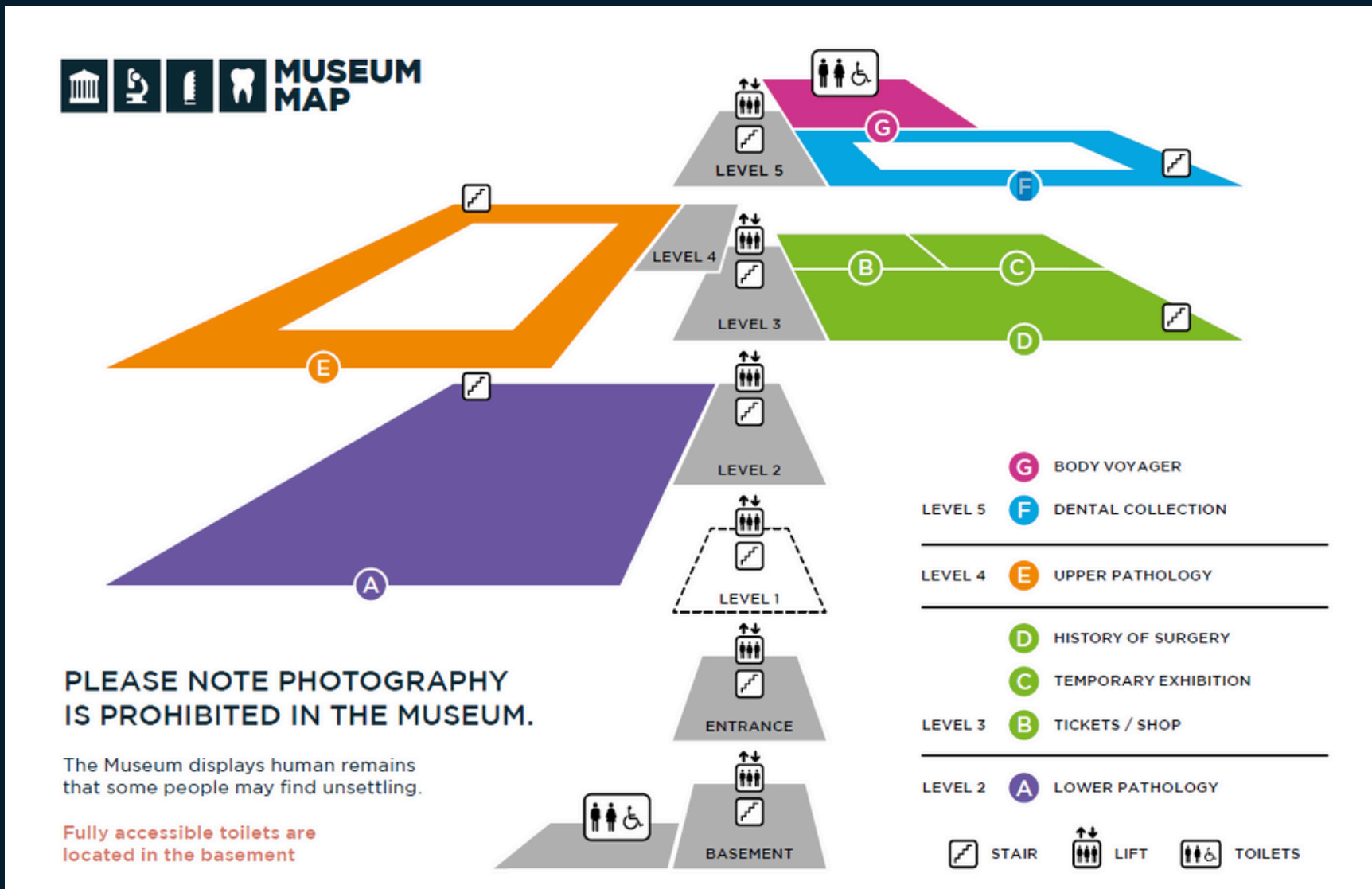
Museum staff wear a black uniform with the Surgeons' Hall Museum logo on it.



They will also be wearing a lanyard with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh on it.



The museum is spread out over 4 floors. You will be given a map when you arrive.



Our History of Surgery museum is located on level 3. In the middle of the gallery is a recreation of a dissection. Some visitors may find this loud.



There are lots of glass cases in this area which contain old surgical instruments and human remains. There are also paintings and statues in this area.



The temporary exhibition is on level 3 beside our ticket desk. The layout of this space will change depending on the exhibition.



The Anatomy Lab is our education space. Schools use this area with our Learning Officer. This space is often closed.



Our gift shop is a small space beside the ticket desk on level 3.



Our Wohl Pathology Museum is split over 2 levels. Lower pathology can be found on level 2. On this level there are human remains on display. There are also some videos with audio that play on this level.



Level 2- Lower Wohl Pathology Museum

The upper level of the Wohl Pathology museum can be found on level 4. There are human remains on display in this area. The sound from the lower gallery can travel up to the upper level.



Level 4- Upper Wohl Pathology Museum

Our Dental Collection and Techniques and Technology galley can be found on level 5. As this space is open above the History of Surgery Museum, the sounds from level 3 can be heard up here too.



Body Voyager can be found on level 5. You need to go through this glass door to enter. Sometimes this door is closed and you will have to open it.



Body Voyager lighting levels are different from other spaces in the museum. When you walk through the glass door you will see a large projection of a beating heart. You will hear the heart beat as well as some people talking over the heartbeats.



Body Voyager looks at the development and use of robotics in surgery. There are several of interactives for visitors to use. There are some human remains on display in this area.



**We have toilets
located in the
basement on -1 and
in our Body
Voyager gallery on
level 5.**



The fire alarm is very loud. If it goes off during your visit a member of staff will help you evacuate the building. You will be asked to wait outside until a member of staff tells you it is safe to re-enter the building.



We hope to see you soon. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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The museum is busiest at the weekends and during school holidays. It is quietest when we first open at 10am.

Please check our website <https://museum.rcsed.ac.uk> for full visitor information.

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